अधीन प्रशासन करके स्विटजरलैंड सरकार के साथ एक समझौता किया गया है । इस समझौते की शर्तों के अनुसार, जांच पड़ताल वाले विशिष्ट मामलों के संबंध में सूचना/प्रमाण एकत्रित करने के लिए विधि प्रवर्तन अधिकरणों द्वारा स्विटजरलैण्ड के प्राधिकारियों से सहायता और सहयोग प्राप्त किया जा सकता है ।

स्विटजरलैण्ड के बैंकों में भारतीयों द्वारा जमा की गई धनराशियों के बारे में, इस समझौते के अंतर्गत, सामान्य जानकारी प्राप्त नहीं की जा सकती ।

बड़े बांध

426. श्री राम जेठमलानी : क्या **जल संसाधन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार का ध्यान लूनो इंस्टीट्यूट आफ साइंस एण्ड टैक्नालाजी के जल संसाधन इंजीनियरिंग विभाग के डाक्टर रोनी बैरनडट्सन द्वारा "बिग डैम्स नाट सूटेबल फार थर्ड वर्ल्ड" शीर्षक के अंतर्गत प्रकाशित निष्कर्षों की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार भविष्य में देश में बड़े बांधों के स्थान पर अन्य वैकल्पिक व्यवस्था करने की योजना पर सक्रियता से विचार कर रही है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

जल संसाधन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती कृष्णा साही) : (क) से (ग) डाक्टर रोनी बेरनड्टन द्वारा दिए गए निष्कर्षों की ओर अभी सरकार का ध्यान नहीं दिलाया गया है । इस संबंध में यह स्पष्ट किया जाता है कि द्रवचालित (हाईड्रोलिक) संरचनाओं का आकार जल वैज्ञानिक, स्थलाकृति, भूवैज्ञानिक स्थितियां, कृषकों की आवश्यकताएं, पर्यावरणिक विचार तथा परियोजना की आर्थिक व्यवहार्यता जैसे उपयुक्तता के अनेक घटकों द्वारा निर्धारित किया जाता है ।

Complaint from Tamil Nadu weavers Association regarding supply of yarn

427. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaint from Tamil Nadu Weavers Association regarding the supply of yarn at unreasonable prices; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to supply adequate quantity of yarn at prices fixed by the Handloom Export Promotion Council?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) A memorandum from Tamil Nadu State Handloom Weavers Association, Salem, regarding sudden hike in the prices of yarn has been received.

(b) Government have taken a number of steps to ensure adequate supplies of yarn to handloom sector at reasonable prices such as the Hank Yarn Obligation Scheme, Loan assistance to the National Cooperative Development Corporation for setting up of Weavers' Cooperative Spinning Mills and expansion of capacity in the existing mills to build up captive production for the handloom sector, setting up of the National Handloom Development Corporation with the main aim of supplying yarn to the handloom sector. In order to safeguard the interests of the decentralised sector, certain corrective measures have also been taken to check the recent rising trend in yarn prices:—

(i) Import of cotton against expert of yarn on duty free REP/Advance licence basis has been permitted.

(ii) The export of bank yarn in count groups 1 to 60s is not being allowed.

(iii) Import of one lakh bale of medium/long staple cotton, duty free, for production of hank yarn for supply to

handloom sector has been permitted in 1987-88 cotton year.

(iv) Rate of subsidy on janta cloth has been increased from Rs. 2.00 per square metre to Rs. 2.75 per square metre w.e.f., 1-3-1988.

Steps taken Ministry of Textiles to get the stay order obtained by powerloom vacated

428. SHRI ALADI ARUNA alias V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by his Ministry for the vacation of stay orders obtained by the powerloom sector against the implementation of the reservation of 22 items exclusively for handloom sector; and

(b) what interim measures have been taken/proposed to be taken to redress the grievances of the handloom sector till a final order is passed by the Supreme Court in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) 32 cases pending in eight High Courts have been transferred to the Supreme Court of India for obtaining final decision in the matter. Detailed affidavit in Reply has been filed in Supreme Court in respect of the Writ petition filed by M/s. Parvez Akhtar & others against government of India with a request for dismissal of the case. The Attorney General of India has been retained for appearing in the cases on behalf of Government of India.

(b) The Enforcement officials have been visiting the powerloom concentration areas for survey and holding meeting with local powerloom associations to inform them about the items reserved for the handloom sector. Action has been initiated against the powerloom owners found violating the Handloom Reservation Order, wherever they are not converted by stay order from any of the courts.

Talks with ABSU ..

429. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request to send their representatives to participate in the proposed talks between the Assam Government and the All Bodo Students Union from either side;

(b) if so, the decision taken by Government thereon; and

(c) the role to be played by Government representatives in the proposed talks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Rise in imports

430. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make a three-point action plan to curb the continuing rise in imports so as to prevent further deterioration in the balance of payments situation in the country during the current financial year;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) how Government propose to implement the said plan and to what extent imports are likely to curbed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) As part of measures to strengthen the Balance of Payments position, steps are being taken to minimise imports. In regard to import of components and industrial raw materials, a number of measures have been taken to curtail imports by close monitoring of Phased Manufacturing Programmes of production units and thereby acclerating the indigenisation process. Wherever feasible, tariff adjustments and linkage of imports to a unit's export performance will also have the impact of decreasing import demand.